

P.E.O. Chapter CZ Memorial Scholarships
Era Jane Laing / Sharon Sweatland Scholarship

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These scholarships are funded by P.E.O. Chapter CZ, family members, and friends. P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Education Organization that supports the education of women through scholarships, grants, and loans.

PURPOSE

The purpose of these scholarships is to perpetuate the memory of deceased members of Chapter CZ, specifically Era Jane Laing and Sharon Sweatland. Era Jane Laing was a long-time resident of Abilene. She was a teacher and a published author. Higher education and the acquisition of knowledge were very important to her. Sharon Sweatland was also a long-time resident of Abilene, although a transplant from Connecticut. She was the secretary at Abilene Middle School for many years. She was a writer, a poet, and a lifelong learner.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Senior girl at Abilene High School
2. 3.0 or better grade point average
3. Planning to attend a four-year, accredited college or university

AWARD

The selection of the recipient will be made by the Chapter CZ Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be paid in the amount of no less than \$700.00 and will be paid to the recipient/selected university for the fall semester of the freshman year.

Name of Applicant: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Siblings and ages _____

College Planning to Attend: _____

Major in College: _____

High School GPA: _____

ATTACH:

1. A copy of your high school and community activities.
2. A paragraph or two sharing your future goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals. Please include any need for financial assistance, if applicable.
3. Transcript of high school grades.
4. Two letters of reference: one from a teacher, one from a community member.